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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated September 21, 2005 (Paper No. 20050919) finally rejecting claims 1-20, Applicant submits the following remarks in support of allowance of the above-identified U.S. patent application.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 2 of this paper.